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REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

STATE OF KANSAS,
STATE LIBRARY,
TOPEKA, December 27, 1870.

To His Excellency JAMES M. HARVEY, *Governor of the State of Kansas:*

In compliance with the provisions of law, the Librarian herewith presents the following annual report:

The following lists and tables show the number of books, documents and newspapers received at the Library since the 1st April, 1870, and the whole number now in the Library:

American Law Register, from publisher,	8
Arkansas,	20
Arizona,	1
California,	14
Canada,	47
Colorado,	2
Department Interior,	158
Florida,	1
Georgia,	2
Illinois,	16
Indiana,	17
Iowa,	2
Ireland,	1
Kansas,	120
Kentucky,	2
Massachusetts,	10
Maryland,	6
Michigan,	13
Minnesota,	3

Missouri,	2
Navy Department,	1
New York,	34
Nevada,	2
North Carolina,	6
Ohio,	38
Rhode Island,	1
Smithsonian Institute,	3
South Carolina,	4
Tennessee,	8
Vermont,	8
Wisconsin,	6
Total,	577
Books restored, having been out of Library an indefinite time,	34
Whole number received,	611
We are receiving from publishers,	
Weekly Newspapers,	22
Daily "	1
Total,	23

We return our thankful acknowledgements to the publishers for the gift of their papers, and endeavor to preserve files of them for binding.

There are now upon the shelves and classified, as well as the short time in which it had to be done would admit:

Law, Elementary and Reports,	1423
Congressional Documents,	1337
State Documents and Statutes,	2257
United States Statutes at Large and Treaties,	275
" " " " bound,	12
Miscellaneous Works,	965
Maps United States Exploring Expeditions,	5
Bound Newspapers,	32
Total,	6306

There are, also, large numbers of unbound newspapers and unassorted pamphlets. The newspapers ought to be bound; the pamphlets will be classified and preserved.

The Justices of the Supreme Court have contracted for about four hundred volumes of law books, which we hope to have on the shelves in a few weeks.

An appropriation sufficient to perfect the Law Department is a necessity, which it is hoped the Legislature will fully appreciate.

Your Librarian found that many sets of Law Reports, and valuable miscellaneous works were broken, a large number of books having been abstracted. Efforts for their recovery has been, to some extent, successful. Thirty-four volumes, worth at present prices $136, have been reclaimed; and twenty-one volumes, worth $84, have been received as gifts from other State Libraries, upon request, thus saving the State $220.

Correspondence has been had with other State Libraries for the purpose of promoting a full and free exchange, so that we may have a perfect set of the Statutes of the several States. That this exchange may be successful, your Librarian would suggest that the whole matter of exchange with the several States be committed to the Librarian. Experience has proven that this interchange is more agreeable, prompt and satisfactory, when had with those Libraries which have the control of the exchanges. It would, also, relieve the office of the Secretary of State from a burden, and perhaps, prevent the necessity of employing an additional clerk in that department.

In the judgment of the Librarian, liberal oppropriations should be made annually, until the Library becomes what it should be, a collection of works most useful to legislators and public officers; such as the best legal, political, historical, statistical, economic and scientific works, which tend to illustrate the history, exhibit the resources, direct the labor and capital, and perfect the legislation of our State.

The importance of the State Library is not to be estimated by the expenditures in its behalf. It is already an important trust. It now contains upward of six thousand volumes. The annual addition from exchanges alone is about six hundred volumes. The larger part of the books are very valuable. It needs constant and vigilant supervision. As a merely pecuniary interest it is of sufficient magnitude to

justify a liberal expenditure for its care, preservation and improvement.

Hoping these brief suggestions will be approved and acted upon by the Legislature, this report is respectfully submitted.

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State Librarian.